

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICINAL KIT FOR HIV/AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cheaper medicinal kits have been developed by the Government for the diagnosis of fatal diseases like HIV and AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken/ being taken to give wide publicity in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. As per report received from Department of Bio-Technology, two cost effective indigenous diagnostic kits namely Naked Eye Visual Agglutination of erythrocytes (NEVA) and Western Immunoblot assay have been developed. The kits were launched in May 1999. These are being marketed by Indian Pharmaceutical Industries.